

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 4, 7, 10, 13, 16 and 19 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 17 as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processor for detecting a predetermined pattern made of a specific color in a still input image data comprising:

still image input device inputting still color image data;

a first decision controller which decides whether input color data of a target pixel exist in first ranges;

a second decision controller which decides whether differences between color data of the target pixel and those of pixels adjacent thereto exist in second ranges different from the first ranges; [[and]]

a color decision controller which decides that the target pixel has a specified color when the first decision controller decides that the color data of the target pixel exist in the first ranges and the second decision controller decides that the differences exist in the second ranges; and

an extraction controller which extracts pixels having the specific color decided by said color decision controller and detects an image having the predetermined pattern in the extracted pixels.

2. (Original) The image processor according to claim 1, wherein said second decision controller determines a maximum value among differences of color

data between the target pixel and the adjacent pixels thereof and decides whether the maximum value exists in the second ranges.

3. (Original) The image processor according to claim 1, further comprising an edge detector which calculates differences in a plurality of color component data of the color data between the target pixel and the adjacent pixels thereof in a direction and decides a position of an edge based on the differences.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of image processing for detecting a predetermined pattern made of a specific color in a ~~still~~ input image data comprising the steps of:

inputting still color image data;

deciding whether input color data of a target pixel exist in first ranges;

deciding whether differences between color data of the target pixel and those of pixels adjacent thereto exist in second ranges different from the first ranges;

[[and]]

deciding that the target pixel has a specified color when the color data of the target pixel is decided to exist in the first ranges and the differences are decided to exist in the second ranges; and

extracting pixels having the specified color and detecting an image having the predetermined pattern in the extracted pixels.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein a maximum value among differences of color data between the target pixel and the adjacent pixels thereof are obtained and it is decided whether the maximum value exists in the second ranges.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A recording medium to be executed by a computer storing a program for detecting a predetermined pattern made of a specific color in a still input image data comprising the steps of:

inputting still color image data;

deciding whether input color data of a target pixel exist in first ranges;

deciding whether differences between color data of the target pixel and those of pixels adjacent thereto exist in second ranges different from the first ranges;

[[and]]

deciding that the target pixel has a specified color when the color data of the target pixel is decided to exist in the first ranges and the differences are decided to exist in the second ranges; and

extracting pixels having the specified color and detecting an image having the predetermined pattern in the extracted pixels.

9. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 8, wherein a maximum value among differences of color data between the target pixel and the

adjacent pixels thereof are obtained and it is decided whether the maximum value exists in the second ranges.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image processor for detecting a predetermined pattern made of a specific color in ~~a still~~ input image data comprising:

- still input device inputting still color image data;
- a first decision controller which decides whether input color data of a target pixel exist in first ranges;
- a second decision controller which performs calculation on the input color data of the target pixel and decides whether results of the calculation exist in second ranges different from the first ranges; ~~[[and]]~~
- a color decision controller which decides that the target pixel has a specified color when the first decision controller decides that the color data of the target pixel exist in the first ranges and the second decision controller decides that the results exist in the second ranges; and
- an extraction controller which extracts pixels having the specific color decided by said color decision controller and detects an image having the predetermined pattern in the extracted pixels.

12. (Original) The image processor according to claim 11, wherein the color data includes a plurality of color component data and said second decision controller calculates differences between the color component data of the target pixel and decides whether the differences exist in the second ranges.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of image processing for detecting a predetermined pattern made of a specific color in a still input image data comprising the steps of:

inputting still color image data;

deciding whether input color data of a target pixel exist in first ranges;

performing calculation on the input color data of the target pixel and decides whether results of the calculation exist in second ranges different from the first ranges; [[and]]

deciding that the target pixel has a specified color when the color data of the target pixel are decided to exist in the first ranges and the results are decided to exist in the second ranges; and

extracting pixels having the specified color and detecting an image having the predetermined pattern in the extracted pixels.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the color data includes a plurality of color component data, differences between the color

component data of the target pixel are obtained in the calculation on the input color data and it is decided whether the differences exist in the second ranges.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A recording medium to be executed by a computer storing a program for detecting a specific pattern made of a specific color in ~~a still~~ input image data comprising the steps of:

inputting still color image data;

deciding whether input color data of a target pixel exist in first ranges;

performing calculation on the input color data of the target pixel and decides whether results of the calculation exist in second ranges different from the first ranges; ~~[[and]]~~

deciding that the target pixel has a specified color when the color data of the target pixel are decided to exist in the first ranges and the results are decided to exist in the second ranges; and

extracting pixels having the specified color and detecting an image having the predetermined pattern in the extracted pixels.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the color data includes a plurality of color component data, differences between the color component data of the target pixel are obtained in the calculation on the input color data and it is decided whether the differences exist in the second ranges.

19. (Canceled)